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FOR: SURFACE INSPECTION  
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INSPECTION METHOD



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**AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 10, 2000, please amend the above-identified patent application, as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 2, without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1 and 3-16,  
as follows:

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1. (Amended) A surface inspection apparatus [characterized by] comprising:  
a light source for applying a light to a surface of an object to be measured[.];  
an objective lens opposite to the surface of [said] the object to be measured and for  
receiving a reflected light applied from said light source and reflected on the surface of [said]  
the object to be measured[.];

light detection means for detecting a component incident on [the corresponding] said  
objective lens from a parallel direction with [its] an optical axis thereof in [the] said reflected  
light received by [this] said objective lens and obtaining [its] a light quantity thereof[, and];